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**Summer Meeting
June 21 - 24, 2005
Big Sky, MT**

PROPOSED RESOLUTION (REVISED)

**ENCOURAGING EFFORTS TO COMBAT THE SPREAD OF METHAMPHETAMINE
MANUFACTURING, TRAFFICKING AND ABUSE**

WHEREAS the manufacture, trafficking and abuse of methamphetamine are issues that affect not only public safety, but also the public health and general welfare of the community;

WHEREAS methamphetamine abuse has recently increased nationally in both prevalence and geographic scope;

WHEREAS ephedrine/pseudoephedrine is an indispensable ingredient in the manufacture of methamphetamine;

WHEREAS a significant portion of methamphetamine is produced in clandestine laboratories, the prevalence of which has been increasing nationally since 1999¹, utilizing over the counter medication containing pseudoephedrine, either stolen or purchased from retail outlets;

WHEREAS jurisdictions which have implemented stringent restrictions on the purchase of products containing pseudoephedrine have experienced a sharp decline in the number of clandestine laboratories seized;

WHEREAS children are particularly vulnerable to the hazards posed by the manufacture, trafficking and abuse of methamphetamine;

WHEREAS the National Association of Attorneys General has recognized the importance of issues related to the manufacture, trafficking and abuse of methamphetamine²; and

¹ According to the National Clandestine Laboratory Database, there were a total of 6,781 lab seizures in 1999 (with 43 states reporting); in 2003 (with 49 states reporting) there were over 10,500 seizures.

² Two (2) regional groups of Attorneys General have recently held conferences related to methamphetamine – CWAG Methamphetamine Summit in Scottsdale, AZ on February 24, 2005 and the NAAG Eastern Regional Methamphetamine Summit in Boston, MA on May 26, 2005. In addition, a plenary session on methamphetamine issues is on the agenda for the NAAG 2005 Summer Meeting in Big Sky, MT, June 21-24, 2005.

WHEREAS it is crucial that law enforcement, public health agencies and other government officials continue to develop strategies and methods to prevent the manufacture, trafficking and abuse of methamphetamine;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ATTORNEYS GENERAL:

1. Encourages states and territorial jurisdictions to:
 - a. take steps to restrict illegitimate access to products containing pseudoephedrine;
 - b. develop and pursue a comprehensive approach to combating the manufacture, trafficking and abuse of methamphetamine, encompassing education, vigorous law enforcement, and treatment;
 - c. protect children exposed to clandestine laboratories and methamphetamine abuse by reviewing and updating, if necessary, laws related to child abuse and/or neglect;
 - d. Mount a broad-based, grass roots prevention campaign to inform both adults and children on the dangers of methamphetamine use by building broad based coalitions among law enforcement agencies and other community stakeholders³;
2. Encourages the Federal Government to:
 - a. Increase efforts to disrupt the flow of methamphetamine and the pre-cursor chemicals used in the manufacturing process coming across the border;
 - b. Enact federal legislation to combat the manufacture, trafficking and abuse of methamphetamine without precluding the ability of states and territorial jurisdictions to respond to unique circumstances within their own jurisdictions;
 - c. Assist state, local and territorial law enforcement by providing additional resources to combat issues related to methamphetamine; and
3. Authorizes the Executive Director of the National Association of Attorneys General to transmit these views to the Administration, key members of Congress, and other relevant entities and to work with the U.S. Department of Justice, the Drug Enforcement Administration and other law enforcement and regulatory entities on initiatives consistent with this resolution and with the needs of the Attorneys General.

³ Part of consensus statement from Attorneys General attending CWAG Methamphetamine Summit in Scottsdale, AZ.